



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

AHMAD (NMI) WALEH ET AL

Serial No.: 09/141,443

Group Art Unit: 1746

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For:

METHOD OF REMOVING ORGANIC

MATERIALS FROM SUBSTRATES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2001, finally rejecting Claims 3-23 and 25-31 in the above-identified patent application. This Amendment is being filed within two (2) months of the final rejection. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 11, 14, 18, 20, 29, and 31 as follows:

11. (Twice Amended) The method of Claim 31 wherein said precursor physical treatment is selected from the group consisting of exposure to heat, ultra-violet radiation, laser energy, ultrasonic and megasonic sound energy.